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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN, NP

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST

REF: KATHMANDU 5555

1. REACHED REV. FORD BY TELEPHONE DECEMBER 29 AND ASSURED HIM THAT ENDORSEMENT LETTER IS NOT SUBSTANTIVELY DIFFERENT THAN SIMILAR LETTERS SENT PREVIOUSLY REGARDING OTHER EXPEDITIONS. ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT MFA HAD PROMISED PROMPT DECISION AND THAT WE WOULD ADVISE HIM WHEN WE ARE INFORMED OF IT. WE ARE POUCHING COPIES OF ENDORSEMENT LETTER TO FORD.

2. FORD WAS CONCERNED ABOUT FINAL SENTENCE OF ENDORSEMENT LETTER NOTING ENDORSEMENT DOES NOT PRECLUDE DEPARTMENT ENDORSING OTHER QUALIFIED EXPEDITIONS, COMMENTING THIS IMPLIED ANOTHER GROUP WAS INTERESTED IN CLIMBING EVEREST. WHEN WE CONFIRMED THIS WAS THE CASE, HE RETURNED TO HIS PREVIOUS URGINGS THAT THE DEPARTMENT GO BEYOND ENDORSEMENT OF HIS APPLICATION AND "SUPPORT" IT. WE TOLD HIM WE COULD NOT SUPPORT ANY EXCLUSIVE CLAIMS TO CLIMB A PEAK IN
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NEPAL (HE CLAIMS THE FRENCH GAVE UP THEIR POSITION SPECI-

FICALLY SO THAT HE COULD GET HIS PERMIT) NOR COULD WE TAKE
SIDES WHEN TWO OR MORE COMPETING EXPEDITIONS APPLIED FOR THE
SAME PEAK IN THE SAME SEASON.

3. WE BELIEVE FORD WILL BE CONTACTING HIS REPRESENTATIVE
IN KATHMANDU URGING HIM TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE MFA TO
MAKE A POSITIVE DECISION IN FORD'S FAVOR. ROBINSON

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